



Concord guards our distinguished Flag,
With grand the Bear comes—
With arms the Indians to the south
Who does the bears to power!

Camp George Washington
July 4th 1861

Dear Party Sisters & Brothers
It is the 4th of July
I am sitting under a big
tree on park at the same time
I am receiving the letter the Right has
joined with the city they went 40.000
by running the Old flag join that
last night on Pees Parade that the
men that ^{were} on the sick list would have to
join the camp so we sick men
went on park ^{and} stand on about
two hours we the corps of the guard
come & drove us in & I had broken
they letting us drove us in a good
lot of guard we was some laying
down some fast asleep others playing
cards and others having thares

I heat and getting supper papers
too ready and letting every man that
wants go pass & I am at liberty too
go where I want to go some of
them are details to stay and teach
the tents they burning young ones feed
and Cannon ~~and~~ ^{the} Bands played
it was a living time we have got
a good fat thing on the boys that
went down to ~~the~~ ^{the} river what we
want too ~~and~~ they have too much
all around the city off the Regt
except around here have gone down
we are except in a good place
right in the woods where it is cool ~~and~~
shady while the most of the rest
we except right in the open fields
there is young & music all the while
here high back of city is where the
7 Regt. was quartered by
Columbia College & right by
us

I. you upping too high you fan in the
only when by I hardly much ^{and}
hardly the boy say that the R. is
now accurredly back if I did not
effect them back till bright ^{sun}
it is only about 4 o'clock they look
hardly all over dust & short men
our Company come back the Capt
says that every man that went
down with the Company could not come
down this afternoon and that them
that did not go could not come
but I do not care a straw for if
I want to do i can go now for
they have not ^{got} arrived on yet

I have just received your letter
as the Company come in and my
yad of R. rec'd. it I suppose
that I can not get much
done by I did not the boy
that quartering with me wants
me to go and wash the
blades too eat on t. are in one tent

he is taking the dinner the
miffar that Cooks is off to the
City we are on the plant-
that in the hole camp
it leads on the Doct House
which is a Brick House
wea have had is all fix
up since wea ~~came~~

here the settler keeps
his Store down Starey
but he has built him
one of his one left in
the woods very man can
spend 12 shilings of his way
there but can not sper no now

I will have too bid
you ~~go~~ bye now
Yours affectionate Brother